

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday September 9, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

MEETING MINUTES

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Cicero, 6:00 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Lee Kissinger, Claudine Pande,

Board members absent: Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Paul McFadden; Theresa Donovan

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, (arrived 6:10 PM); Marie Ahern, Curriculum Director

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda.

IV. **Routine Items** **Consent Agenda**

- A. **Approval of Minutes – (ENCLOSED) – Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2014; Emergency Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2014**
- B. **Personnel Items**
 - 1. **Appointments - (ENCLOSED) – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - a. **Anna Maldonado as .5 FTE Sr. High School Spanish Teacher, Step 3, Degree BA, Annual Salary \$22,198.79; effective September 8, 2014; pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork**
 - b. **Gillian Buckler as Senior High School National Honor Society Advisor, Stipend Amount \$1,596.00, effective for the 2014 – 2015 school year**
 - 2. **Leaves of Absence**

3. Resignations – (ENCLOSED) – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)
 - a. Letter from Lisa Loisel resigning her position as .60 FTE Occupational Therapist at Lineham and Wawaloam Schools, for the purpose of retirement, effective September 8, 2014
 - b. Letter from Celina Ospina resigning her position as .50 FTE Sr. High School Spanish Teacher, effective August 21, 2014
 - c. Letter from Julie Kennedy resigning her position as Sr. High School Yearbook Advisor, effective August 17, 2014
 - d. Letter from Patricia Pepler resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Reading Specialist at the Sr. High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective September 29, 2014
 - e. Letter from Susan Millar resigning her position as Indoor Track and Field Coach – Sr. High School, effective September 2, 2014
4. Non-Renewals
5. Recalls
6. Sabbaticals
7. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$237,316.82

D. Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

1. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 10
2. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 12, 9
3. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 6
4. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 3 and 1(NEW)
5. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 9
6. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 12, 10, 9, and 5
7. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 11

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda – Kissinger/Pande – (4-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

E. Correspondence – (1) July 2014 RI Kids Count - *Legislative Wrap-Up* Newsletter; (2) August 15, 2014 Communication from Superintendent Erinakes to Junior/Senior High School Families regarding the Continuation of Late Buses; (3) Commissioner's Field Memo Alert – August 25, 2014

F. 2013 – 2014 Budget Projection

G. 2014 2015 Budget

H. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)

- 1. Policy Subcommittee**
- 2. IT Subcommittee**
- 3. Public Relations Subcommittee**

I. Monthly Status Reports

- 1. Superintendent**
- 2. Curriculum**
- 3. Business**
- 4. Special Education**
- 5. Maintenance**
- 6. Technology**

V. New Business

A. Adopt Chemistry AP Textbook

Robert Ross arrived, (6:10 PM).

MSV – To approve new AP Chemistry edition – Pande/Kissinger – (4-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

B. Policies Review/Deletion/Adoption

1. 1401 – School Committee’s Public Interactions – Amendment

MSV – To accept changes to Policy 1401 – Rafanelli/Pande – (4-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

2. 6310 – Recruiting and Managing the Human Capital – Amendment

MSV – To approve Policy 6310 – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (4-0) – MOTION
APPROVED

3. 6405 – Background Screening Potential Employees and School Volunteers – Amendment

MSV – To approved Policy 6405 as amended – Pande/Kissinger – (4-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

4. 8310 – Elementary School Dismissal – Amendment

MSV – To approve Policy 8310 as amended – Pande/Kissinger – (4-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

5. 8608 – Health and Safety of Student-Athletes – Amendment

MSV – To approved Policy 8608 as amended – Pande/Rafanelli – (4-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

6. 9690 – Access to School Facilities – Amendment

MSV – To approve Policy 9690 as amended with one change to first sentence, get rid of, *outside of their assigned work hours* and replace with, *when there is no administrative or custodial presence* – Pande/Kissinger – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

7. 9700 – School Facilities Use Policy – Amendment

MSV – To approve Policy 9700 as amended – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

C. Approve Coaches Handbook Revisions

Member Pande proposed various revisions to the Coaches Handbook Pre-Season Responsibility page.

MSV – To approve Coaches Handbook as amended with the additional recommendations to the Superintendent – Pande/Rafanelli

Superintendent will incorporate Member Pande's recommended changes and provide a revised pre-season page to the School Committee at the next meeting.

VOTE – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Tennis Courts Repair Discussion

The committee requested Mr. Ross solicit a request for proposal (RFP) to reconstruct the tennis courts.

MSV – To put tennis court renovations on the current Capital Asset Protection Plan ending June 30, 2015 – Pande/Rafanelli – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Charter Language

Member Pande recommended language revisions to the DRAFT Charter provided by Attorney Henneous.

- Page 7, section (D) – Prior to any subsequent referenda, the school committee shall meet and adopt *a revised budget. The revised budget shall be, at the minimum, the amount necessary.*

Member Rafanelli proposed clarifying for voters the RIGL referenced in proposed Charter Amendment (2). Member Kissinger recommended simply defining the law on the ballot.

MSV – To approve language as amended for the purposes of the referendum – Kissinger/Pande – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent clarified the Charter provided by Attorney Henneous as a DRAFT that cannot be voted on by the committee until voters decide on the proposed charter language amendments.

**C. Student Accident Medical Insurance Protection 2014 – 2015
Discussion**

VII. Reports/Comments

**VIII. Important Dates and Meetings –Wednesday, September 10, 2014-
Metcalf School Open House-6:30 to 8:00 PM; Thursday, September
11, 2014- Wawaloam Grades 1 & 2 Open House-5:30 to 7:45 PM;
Thursday, September 18, 2014-Wawaloam Kindergarten Open
House-Time TBD; Tuesday, September 23, 2014-School Committee
Meeting**

IX. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5

- A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)
- B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation
Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice
- C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel
- D. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security

X. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

XI. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Pande/Kissinger – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**